

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kern L. Cooper et al.  
Application No. : 10/722,384  
Filed : November 25, 2003  
For : ULTRA-HIGH-PRESSURE VEGETABLE STERILIZATION  
METHOD AND PRODUCT

Examiner : Steven N. Leff  
Art Unit : 1761  
Docket No. : 650070.407  
Date : October 4, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 14, 2007, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on October 14, 2007. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-33, and 36-42, for examination at this time.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.